

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011  
6:30PM**

Mayor McHale called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

**Flag Salute, Silent Prayer**

**Sunshine Law:** The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to ***The Record*** and the ***Press Journal***, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

**Roll Call:**

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present  
Mayor McHale-present  
Councilman Manna-absent

The Mayor asked the Council if they would be amenable to allowing the DPW Investigatory Sub-committee to meet at this time since Councilman Carrick is one of the committee members and will have to leave at about 7:15 to attend the wake of a neighbor.

Motion to recess: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to go back into session: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Review prior to vote:

**RESOLUTIONS**

#11-195 Authorization of Execution of Agreement for Reassessment Shared Services with the Borough of River Edge and the Borough of Cresskill

#11-196 Authorization to Cancel Certain Checks

#11-197 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Enabling Resolution-\$65,000 matching

#11-198 Rejection of NJEIT Phase II Bids and Authorization to Rebid-

Mayor McHale explained that the amount originally bonded was \$2,940,000. All the bids were above that amount. He held a conference call Thursday with the Borough Auditor, Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer and Borough Administrator. If the bid was awarded

tonight, an additional \$500,000 would have to be bonded to cover construction and contingency funds. We could go for funding through EIT, which would require two closings or normal bonding. The Borough Engineer assured him that certain items could be changed without compromising the project.

Mr. Carrino explained that the bid specs would be revised, the bid re-advertised and the project should be ready to start in the Spring.

#11-199 Extension of Bergen County Automated Emergency Telephone Alerting Service Agreement

#11-200 N.J. Department of Transportation Local Aid Program Enabling Resolution-\$721,500

#11-201 Safe Streets to Transit Enabling Resolution-\$570,000

Councilman Freeman asked about bonding for the grants on tonight's agenda.

Councilman Stylianou asked the CFO about the process involved in cancelling stale checks (Resolution #196).

Motion to recess to Council Chambers: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Mayor McHale called the meeting in Council Chambers to order.

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### **Roll Call:**

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present

Mayor McHale-present

Councilman Manna-absent

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

**Review of Consent Agenda Items:** All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda items: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, noted that tonight's resolutions did not appear on the website and the first pages of the resolutions were on the bulletin board.

The Borough Clerk explained that the pages of the resolutions on the bulletin board are two-sided.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

### **Non-Consent Agenda**

#11-198 Rejection of NJEIT Phase II Bids and Authorization to Rebid

The Mayor explained it was the recommendation of the Borough Engineer to reject the bids since the Borough had bonded for \$2,900,000 and the lowest bid came in at \$3,182,896.60. The Governing Body has decided to stay within the budgeted amount.

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Stylianou -yes

Council members Freeman and Zamechansky-abstained

Motion carried.

Motion to open to the public for general participation: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, inquired about the DPW Investigatory Sub-committee meeting and whether people will be subpoenaed and have to testify.

Mayor McHale stated there was a meeting that was originally scheduled for 7:30 that was held earlier. The Committee will be reconvening at about 7:30PM in order to comply with OPMA. What was discussed and will be discussed are potential dates for the hearing. It will be open to the public.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to recess: Councilman Freeman

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to reconvene: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman  
All in favor.

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Perkins asked for verbal authorization to pay Cliffhanger Productions for the rides and Reminisce, the concert for Dumont Day.

Councilwoman Zamechansky interjected that the concert is being sponsored by Mariner's Bank and will end up costing the town nothing. The Elks Club donated \$1,000 toward the cost of the rides.

There will be an Interfaith Service on 9/11 at the High School at 9:00AM and a Candlelight Vigil at Memorial Park.

A contract has been negotiated with Delta Dental, which will save the Borough about \$7,000 per year.

He thanked all the Emergency Services for their long hours during Hurricane Irene. New Jersey was declared a State of Emergency and Federal Disaster Area.

Sewers were backing up into some residents' basements because the BCUA trunk lines were backed up. Mr. Perkins thanked Eric Abrahamsen who provided a deodorizer for those houses to mask the smell of raw sewage. Twenty-two trees fell-one on a house with minimal damage.

### **Council Committee Reports**

- Councilman Carrick

The Councilman stated that the County Dispatch System in Mahwah failed during the hurricane. He stated that we have to keep our police dispatchers here and find another way to save money.

He remarked that recently there has been talk that he is not a friend of the police in this town. He said that he has been saying that he does not want to see one police officer laid off; find another way to save money.

- Councilman Stylianou

#### *5K Run*

The Run will take place this Saturday. There are four events starting at 8AM: kids sprint, 1 ½ mile kids race, 1 ½ mile health walk and 5K Run. The Councilman thanked his co-chairs- Councilwoman Zamechansky and Councilman Riquelme. He also thanked the Board of Education.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

The Councilwoman remarked that it would be a mistake to go with the County since the OEM went down during the hurricane.

- Councilman Freeman

#### *Environmental Commission*

He was one of two people to show up for the meeting so they could not hold the meeting.

#### *Joint Land Use Board*

There was no quorum.

Mayor McHale and the Council members commended the Administrator, Police, DPW, Fire Department and Ambulance Corps for their preparation and work during Hurricane Irene.

### **Mayor's Report**

One of the complaints he had was the flooding at Washington and Cresskill Avenues. The County needs to correct the situation. The other issue is the New Milford substation affecting the power grid in certain sections of Dumont. He would like PSE&G to come to a town meeting and explain to the residents of this town why power fails and what they are doing about it in the short term and the long term. The New Milford substation is in a flood area, which causes problems.

During the power outage, residents were welcome to come to Borough Hall to charge their cell phones, laptops, etc.

### **Borough Engineer Carrino's Report**

The White Beeches Force Main project began about two weeks ago.

The drilling of the new wells at the DPW site is complete. Six of the old wells were recovered. Unfortunately, the lab company which does the testing, has been flooded out. Since the results have to be submitted in October, he suggested that if the lab is not up and running in two weeks the second proposal would be contacted.

The DOT Safe Streets to Transit grant, which covers Virginia Avenue for \$440,000 and West Shore for \$130,000.

The DOT Municipal Aid grant requested amount for Depew Street was for \$721,000. If necessary, this project could be broken down into two elements, depending upon the response and aid available from the Department of Transportation.

The Community Development Block grant application for the walkway and gazebo at West Shore Avenue was submitted.

### **Borough Attorney's Report**

Megan Tomlinson, Esq. was present in the absence of Mr. Paster.

Mr. Paster asked that Ms. Tomlinson report that his position on the NJEIT Phase II bids was that they be rejected. Some issues had arisen as to the time the bids were opened; he still stands by that decision but since the bids were rejected it is a moot point. Everything else is in his written report.

Mayor McHale asked that the DPW Investigatory Committee stay after the Council meeting is adjourned. This is corrective action since they had met prior to the advertised time.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk